

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/29/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-7, 9-19 (Renumbered claims 1-17).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the Applicant's amendment filed on 06/29/2007.
2. Claim 1 has been amended, and claims 2, 8 have been canceled.
3. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-19 are pending and presented for examination.
4. Applicant's communication filed on June 29, 2007 overcomes the 35 U. S. C. 101 rejections set forth in the last office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Reasons For Allowability

5. The Examiner's actions clearly point out the reasons for rejection and the Applicant's reply explicitly presents reasons why the claims are patentable (See applicant arguments/remarks paper entry 12/18/2006). In view of Applicant's amendment and remarks, filed June 29, 2007, Examiner has fully considered the amendment and remarks and believes they are deemed to be persuasive.

The present application has been thoroughly reviewed. Upon searching a variety of databases, the Examiner respectfully submits that claims 1, 3-7, 9-19 (Renumbered claims 1-17) are allowed in light of Applicants' arguments and in light of prior art made of record.

The closest prior art Curthbertson et al. (U. S. Pat. No. 5,724,597) disclose a system for matching textual strings consisting at least one component representing a customer name and/or customer address wherein two textual strings being determined for a possible match by transforming the two textual strings utilizing a plurality of predetermined filters. However,

Cuthbertson et al. did not implicitly disclose a system containing a training means mechanism allowing the training of rules and weight, wherein the rules and weight have been adjusted to determine the optimum way of matching records as claimed by the applicant. The closest prior art taken singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or render Applicant's claimed limitation as specified in the instant independent claim 1 obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacques Veillard whose telephone number is (571) 272-4086. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. to Fri. from 9 AM to 4:30 PM, alt. Fri. off..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272- 4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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